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In re **Divisional** Patent Application of:  
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For: **METHOD OF REDUCING POLYSILICON  
DEPLETION IN A POLYSILICON GATE  
ELECTRODE BY DEPOSITING  
POLYSILICON OF VARYING GRAIN SIZE**

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.